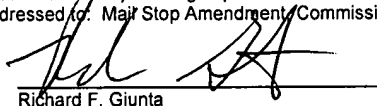




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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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